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BLM, Park Service to host "Alternatives" workshops for Craters of the Moon National Monument plan

ARCO – The two federal agencies managing Idaho's largest National Monument will soon present four preliminary alternatives to the public to guide future management of Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve.

The National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management will host public workshops in Arco, Carey, and Rupert on three Saturdays in February, looking for input from the public on the preliminary alternatives. Unlike last year's open houses, these meetings will be more structured, say representatives from the agencies.

"We want to treat this more like a working session. Each workshop will have a brief presentation at the first, and then we'll break into groups, roll up our sleeves and get to work," said Jim Morris, Craters of the Moon Superintendent.

Each workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and will end about 1 p.m. in the following locations:

February 8 Arco-Butte Business Center, 159 North Idaho

Arco, Idaho

February 15 Carey High School, Multipurpose Room

Carey, Idaho

February 22 Rupert City Hall, 624 F Street

Rupert, Idaho

For more information, please call Craters of the Moon in Arco at 527-3257, or the Bureau of Land Management in Shoshone at 732-7200.